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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

MANAGING BLOOD PRODUCTS

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Art Unit 1631 Group:

Examiner: Mahatan, C.

COMMUNICATION Action:

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Referring to the communication of 25 March, applicants hereby submit a corrected copy of the amendment dated 27 December, 2002.

At the outset, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the paragraph entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" to delete the phrase ",incorporated by reference herein". Examiner is aware, the specification on page 1, lines 2-4 already makes reference to the "Microfiche Appendix attached hereto" and the Examiner had requested that applicants provide said microfiche. Accordingly, a copy of the Microfiche Appendix will be prepared

from the existing microfiche attached to the provisional application to attach to the complete application unless the Examiner believes that it is sufficient to clarify the statement to refer to the Microfiche Appendix attached to the provisional application as identified.

The Examiner's objections to the clean copy of the claims has been noted and the amendment has been corrected to reflect same. In addition, the word "programmable" has been deleted from claims 10 and 31.

It is believed that the Amendment as now resubmitted is in condition for examination and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, it is requested that the Examiner contact attorney for applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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